

SECRETARY Seward's

He Was Secretary Seward's
Servant, and Bought
Real Estate.

LOVED A WEE BROWN BABY.
Butler's Godchild Nursed Him
When He Grew Old, and He
Left Her His Fortune.

There is a negro in Brooklyn with \$75,000 all her own. She has just inherited it from the late Secretary Seward's old retainer, William H. Butler, who was born a slave.

Evangeline Z. Walker is her name. She is nineteen, slender, as straight as a poplar, of light color, and almost Caucasian in facial outline. The old man who had adored her from her babyhood. He was a good father.

Butler was employed as cook in a Washington eating house when his qualities engaged the esteem of William H. Seward. The black man's quaint turn of philosophy, his humor and his tact so pleased the statesman that he engaged Butler as his personal attendant, and in that relation the former slave remained close to Mr. Seward during the years that the latter served in the Cabinets of President Lincoln.

When Seward retired to private life he retained the services of his body servant, and Butler followed him to the White House. Butler took up his quarters in the house of a man named John J. Johnson, at No. 387 Gates avenue, Brooklyn. Garner had recently married a widow with a young baby—the infant Evangeline Z. Walker. Butler, however, had never thought of marrying. Therefore all his affections had been bestowed upon his master, and he became a slave once more—albeit fast by a paid body servant.

As the child grew he loved her more and more. It was his whim to call her daughter and to have her call him father. She loved him dearly in return, and it was with all a daughter's tenderness that she nursed him when his strength failed. During two years Butler devoted himself to his young master, and he died in the arms of his devoted nurse.

Two months ago he died holding his hand, and he left \$75,000 to his young mistress. He had left \$500 cash, and a few near relatives, but the bulk of his fortune, consisting of residence and business property in Washington, was bequeathed to Evangeline. It is possible that his sisters and nephews and nieces will contest the will.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

It Starts at Night in the Room Full of
Records on the Fifth
Floor.

Fire threatened one of the record rooms on the fifth floor of the Custom House early last evening, but how the fire started is a mystery that even Chief Bonner gave up. The room is 10 by 14 feet in size, on the fifth floor, the northeast corner. It is a small room, with a door opening into the main hall, and a window which has been latched for some time. It opens from the corridor that communicates with the main hall.

Policeman Thomas Conlon was passing the Custom House at 8:30 p. m. when he saw smoke coming out of one of the fifth story windows. He ran up the watchman, and he found the fire in the room. He found the fire in the room. He found the fire in the room.

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MARKET STRONG UNDER PRESSURE

Selling for Profit Taking and Short
Account Carried Prices Down
from Opening "Bulge."

Wall Street, April 12.—The stock market opened up with indications of renewed activity, the wild speculative buying which characterized the trading before last week's slump. Very shortly after the opening, however, there appeared a considerable volume of profit taking sales, which kept the market down very generally from two pronounced advances. Considering the amount of liquidation which came from speculators who purchased at the low levels established last week, the market was very firm, and closed with very few declines of any importance.

The opening features were Continental Tobacco and Brooklyn Rapid Transit. The rise in the former was on reports of the acquisition of the Liggett & Myers plant, which will be turned over Friday of this week. Traders who had anticipated this announcement took profits, and after the initial advance the stock sold off. Buying of Brooklyn Rapid Transit was also prominent, reports that there had been considerable investment demand for the stock from sources heretofore without an interest in the property. This buying, however, helped along further by the rumor which emanated from a good quarter that the economy to be effected in the management of the company would enable dividends at the rate of 2 per cent quarterly. The Vanderbilt stocks opened particularly strong, for the first time since the New York Central was urgently in demand, but later reentered on profit taking. Buying of Consolidated Gas was in connection with securities of the company, which had been reported in the London market.

Money worked decidedly lower, with some of the banks in the market. A demonstration of the shallow pretext of the banks in the market, which was accepted by the very stock upon which they then refused to loan. The closing market was decidedly firm, and gave a decided note of confidence. The closing market was decidedly firm, and gave a decided note of confidence.

Following are the sales of stocks and range of prices:

700	Am. Lincol.	93 1/2	93 1/2	93	See
100	Brownsville Co.	93	93	93	100
275	B. & O. W. L.	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Ch
11	B. & O. W. L.	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Ch
100	Brook. Loom Co.	147	147	147	100
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3000	C. & G. Western	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	3000
120	C. & G. W. pd.	71	71	71	120
3450	C. & G. W. pd.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	3450
610	Central Pacific	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	610
3450	C. & N.	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	3450
16845	C. & S. L.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	16845
2720	C. & S. L.	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2720
410	C. & S. L.	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	410
21120	C. & S. L.	43 1/4	43 1/4	43 1/4	21120
20420	C. M. & St. P.	128 1/2	128 1/2	127 1/2	20420
6550	C. M. & St. P.	117 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	6550
1000	Colorado Fuel & Iron	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	1000
255	Col. South. Ry.	54	54	54	255
700	Col. Term.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	700
3010	Col. Term.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	3010
100	Col. Term.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	100